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For: NOVEL GENE UPREGULATED IN CANCERS  
OF THE PROSTATE

### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2003 (Paper No. 27), for which a response was due on February 17, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 17, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.